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In re Patent Application of:
Hironori Tanikawa et al.

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For: RESIN INTAKE MANIFOLD

Examiner: John T. Kwon

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated April 15, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Species II, Fig. 12. It is respectfully submitted that claims 4-6 read on the elected species. The foregoing election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search or the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP 803 which is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims that are distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added).

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and the duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. IID-0213 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: April 28, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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